

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 16, (Canceled)

Claims 17 to 20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 17~~ of treating diseased, injured or abnormal bone at a site of desired bone growth comprising the step of applying to said site a composition comprising an effective amount of a mixture of hyaluronic acid, wherein said growth factor comprises bFGF and excipients to maintain biological activity of said factor, said composition being sufficient to enhance bone growth rate and magnitude and having a viscosity and biodegradability sufficient to persist at said site for a period of time sufficient to enhance said bone growth rate and magnitude.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein said bFGF is present in a range of about 10^{-6} to 100 mg/ml in said composition.